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March 6, 2006

Arthur G. Baggett, Jr. Hearing Officer State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, California 95812-0100

Song Her Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, California 95812-0100

Re: "COMMENT LETTER - MARCH 22, 2006 BOARD MEETING - YCWA

CHANGE PETITION"

Dear Mr. Baggett and Ms. Her:

The California Department of Fish and Game (Department) has received the Draft Order regarding Yuba County Water Agency's (YCWA) petition to change the effective date of the long-term instream flow requirements of Revised Decision 1644 (Draft Order). The Draft Order changes the effective date of the long-term instream flow requirements of Revised Decision 1644 from April 21, 2006 to March 1, 2007.

As stated in the policy statement submitted in this proceeding by the Department, the Department supports the YCWA petition and supports the Draft Order granting the extension requested in that petition. The Draft Order will allow the parties to the Yuba Accord an opportunity to implement the 2006 Pilot Program. The Department plans to actively participate on the River Management Team to assist in the implementation of the 2006 Pilot Program. Implementation of the 2006 Pilot Program should also assist the parties in further refining and adapting the Yuba Accord to better reflect the unique circumstances of the Yuba River.

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The Department respectfully requests that the State Water Resources Control Board adopt the Draft Order without substantial revision at its meeting on March 22, 2006. Thank you.

Sincerely,

L. RYAN BRODDRICK

Director

cc: Service List

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby declare as follows:

I am employed in the County of Sacramento, State of California. I am eighteen years of age or older and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 1416 Ninth Street, P. O. Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090. I am familiar with the business practice of the California Department of Fish and Game with regard to the collection and processing of documents for mailing with the United States Postal Service.

On March 9, 2006, I caused to be served the attached LETTER TO ARTHUR G. BAGGETT, JR., and SONG HER by placing a true copy thereof in the manner set forth below and addressed as follows:

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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING to:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Sacramento, California on March 9, 2006.

JAN WILCOX

JANUARY 2006 HEARING ON YCWA CHANGE PETITION

SERVICE LIST

(December 23, 2005)

(PARTIES TO BE SERVED WITH WRITTEN TESTIMONY, EXHIBITS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.)

(Note: The parties whose E-mail addresses are listed below <u>agreed to accept</u> electronic service, pursuant to the rules specified in the hearing notice.)

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